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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 10, 2001 FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the October 10, 2001 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the October 10, 2001 Final Office Action was originally due January 10, 2002. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a three-month extension is FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$460.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status, and a check for this amount is enclosed herewith. Thus, a response to the October 10, 2001 Final Office Action is now due April 10, 2002 and accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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